

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LISBON 05650 280853Z

15

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ACDA-05 AGR-05 SAM-01 OES-03 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 RSC-01 USIA-06 PRS-01

SP-02 EB-07 AID-05 COME-00 PM-03 OMB-01 /061 W

----- 006031

R 271503Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1323

INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

COMUSFORAZ

CINCLANT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LISBON 5650

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR EAGR PO US

SUBJ: POTENTIAL REQUEST FOR RAINMAKING HELP

1. MUCH OF SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL PORTUGAL IS SUFFERING SEVERE DROUGHT, DESCRIBED IN PRESS AS WORST IN THIRTY YEARS. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN AFFECTED ZONES HAS BEEN HARD HIT. DRENCHING RAINS NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR HAVE FAILED MATERIALIZE.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF CONCERNING UPCOMING AZORES GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANT CONFERENCE, PORTUGUESE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OFFICIAL COMMENTED ON USAF RAINMAKING EXERCISE IN AZORES IN 1972. (DEPT MAY WISH REFER TO PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT. EXERCISE OCCURRED IN SUMMER 1972, TRIGGERED BY URGENT APPEAL TO AMBASSADOR KNIGHT BY THEN FONMINISTER RUI PATRICIO). METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OFFICIAL INDICATED PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES NOT NOW THINKING OF INDUCING RAIN ARTIFICIALLY. TECHNOLOGICAL INEXACTNESS COULD RESULT IN CLOUDS SEEDED OVER OR NEAR PORTUGUESE TERRITORY BEING BORNE BY WINDS TOWARD SPAIN. OFFICIAL ALSO REFERRED VAGUELY TO HIGH COST OF SUCH AN OPERATION.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LISBON 05650 280853Z

3. ALTHOUGH GOP REQUEST FOR US RAINMAKING ASSISTANCE IS NOT
LIKELY IN NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, SUCH AN APPEAL MIGHT BE FORTH-
COMING SHOULD DROUGHT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY INTO NEW YEAR. DEPT
MAY WISH KEEP IN BACK OF MIND POSSIBILITY OF PORTUGUESE RAIN-
MAKING REQUEST.
SCOTT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DROUGHTS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974LISBON05650
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740376-0654
From: LISBON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974128/aaaaagqb.tel
Line Count: 67
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 MAY 2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <31 DEC 2002 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POTENTIAL REQUEST FOR RAINMAKING HELP
TAGS: PFOR, EAGR, PO, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005